

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for regulating pressure applied during a medical procedure, comprising:

an inelastic housing enclosing an inner volume, the housing having a first and second end wherein the housing comprises a cylindrical inelastic housing enclosing the inner volume and a plunger for applying pressure to the inner volume;

an aperture in the housing for conveying pressure from the housing during ~~the~~ a medical procedure; and

a pressure-operated valve coupled between the inner volume of the housing and a space outside of the inner volume of the housing for allowing pressure to escape from the inner volume of the housing through the valve when pressure in the housing exceeds a threshold, whereby the valve releases pressure from within the inner volume of the housing, wherein the pressure-operated valve is adapted to allow selection of the threshold, during use, from a plurality of different pre-set thresholds.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 13, wherein the pressure-operated valve comprises:

an opening in the housing;

a plunger disposed within the inner volume of the housing;

a spring disposed within the inner volume of the housing, wherein the spring is positioned between the second end of the housing and the plunger, wherein the plunger in a rest position is between the opening and the aperture, and wherein as fluid is inserted into the inner volume of the housing via the aperture, increased pressure within the inner volume of the housing moves the plunger toward the opening.

16. (Original) The apparatus of claim 15, wherein the opening is positioned in a side of the housing providing access to the inner volume of the housing, wherein at normal pressure the opening is